

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ARIEL RACHEL THOMPCKINS,
CHLOE SHANEL THOMPCKINS, CEDRIK
ARMAUN THOMPCKINS, and BRIANA YVETTE
SPRING THOMPCKINS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

WENDY YVETTE THOMPCKINS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JOHN STAFFORD,

Respondent.

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July 24, 2003

No. 242637

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 87-263629

Before: Zahra, P.J., and Talbot and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the order of the trial court terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), (i), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I);¹ *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). It was undisputed that respondent-appellant's parental rights to four older children had been previously terminated. In

¹ Effective May 1, 2003, the court rules governing proceedings regarding juveniles were amended and moved to the new subchapter 3.900. In this opinion, we refer to the rules in effect at the time of the order terminating parental rights.

addition, the evidence showed that, although nearly two years had passed, respondent-appellant still had not obtained suitable housing or successfully completed drug treatment. Although respondent-appellant had obtained a home, she still did not have the necessary furnishings to allow for the children to be returned home. In addition, respondent-appellant had been unable to consistently maintain employment and was unemployed at the time of the termination hearing.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The evidence showed that respondent-appellant had attended only half of the parenting time offered to her and that the children were emotionally harmed by her failure to attend.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra
/s/ Michael J. Talbot
/s/ Donald S. Owens